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Los Angeles County Fire Department Lifeguards Help Rescue Victims at Manhattan Beach Pier

LOS ANGELES – February 5, 2014 – Los Angeles County Fire Department ocean lifeguards and Manhattan Beach Fire Department Personnel performed a dramatic rescue operation to try to save a man who fell from the Manhattan Beach Pier and into the ocean, along with the two Good Samaritans who also jumped in to save him.

At 1:22 p.m. today, lifeguards received A 911 call from South Bay Dispatch and joined Manhattan Beach firefighters at the end of the pier to search for the victim. Two Good Samaritans nearby heard the man screaming for help and jumped off the pier in an attempt to rescue him. A life ring was thrown into the water from the end of the pier to help keep all three victims afloat. Two firefighters jumped off the pier to help all three, followed by additional Lifeguard units to help bring the victims to shore. Paramedics performed CPR on the original victim, who was unconscious by that time. He was transported to a local area hospital in critical condition.

The two firefighters who jumped in to help the victims were Manhattan Beach Firefighter David Schwarting and Fire Captain Dave Shenbaum. Captain Shenbaum also serves the local community as a recurrent Los Angeles County Ocean Lifeguard. His dual skills as a firefighter and lifeguard were instrumental in effecting the best possible rescue for these victims. The cause of this incident is currently under investigation by the Manhattan Beach Police Department.

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